

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computerized file management system for use with an existing file system, that includes a volume, and for managing electronic files on the one or more volume[[s]], the computerized file management system comprising:

a volume manager configured to that manage[[s]] the electronic files on the volume and to manage metadata relating to such the electronic files on the one or more volume[[s]]; and

a coherency manager module coupled to the volume manager and configured to manage at least one of i) a version of a selected file of the electronic files and ii) a relationship of the selected file of the electronic files, to another file, based on the metadata associated with the selected file; and

~~means for enabling certain actions to occur automatically based on predetermined events, including changes to the metadata, to facilitate workflow;~~

a workflow module coupled to the volume manager and configured to automatically perform a workflow event corresponding to a predetermined event in response to the predetermined event occurring;

wherein the predetermined event is at least one of a change to the metadata of the selected file and a file operation of the selected file.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the metadata includes automatically generated metadata and user defined metadata.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow module is configured to use further comprising means for enabling event-driven triggers.

5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow module is configured further comprising means for enabling event-driven actions to facilitate sharing and access control of content.

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the metadata includes at least one tag wherein the system workflow module is configured to initiate[[s]] actions based on changes to a value of the tag.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the system uses tags to control or specify workflow.
8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the further comprising a user interface configured to allow ~~comprises means for enabling~~ a user to view or change the tags.
9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the system is configured to track[[s]] movement and use of the files.
10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the workflow event is at least one of an update to an enterprise application and an update to the file system by the enterprise application. ~~, further comprising built-in workflow work-flow, whereby various actions can trigger updates to enterprise applications and enterprise applications can update the file system.~~
11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow event is ~~actions include~~ approval.
12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow event is ~~actions include~~ computing a hash code.
13. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow event is ~~enabling actions include~~ a constraint a further action to occur.

14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the ~~constraint requires a certain event or condition before another action can occur~~; the enabling comprises removing a constraint that inhibits the further action.
15. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow event is enabling actions include a user programmed action.
16. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow event is actions include a predetermined system action.
17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the workflow event is actions include notifying a user when a file is ready for an action by the user.
18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the action by the user is sign-off.
19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the action by the user is review.
20. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the action by the user is publish.
21. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein a dynamic folder is used to manage workflow.
22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the metadata includes one or more tags associated with each of the electronic files.
23. (Currently amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the workflow module is further configured to initiate ~~said means for enabling certain actions comprises means for~~ initiating an action in response to a change to ~~said~~ the one or more tags.

24. (Currently amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the predetermined event is said means for enabling certain actions comprises means for initiating an action in response to a user setting a value of said one or more tags.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the workflow event is further comprising means for changing a value of said one or more tags in response to a change in the associated file.

26. (New) A computerized system comprising:

a volume manager module configured to interface with a volume of an existing file system, the volume including electronic files, the volume manager being configured to maintain metadata related to the electronic files and to track aspects of usage by a user of the electronic files;

wherein the volume manager module is configured to publish information related to usage of the electronic files;

wherein the volume manager module is configured to facilitate a historical view showing usage of the electronic files;

wherein the volume manager is configured such that the electronic files are inhibited from leaving control of the system;

a coherency manager module coupled to the volume manager and configured to interface with the existing file system and the volume manager, the coherency manager module being configured to facilitate coherency between selected ones of the electronic files using the published information;

a workflow module coupled to the volume manager and configured to receive the published information and to automatically perform a workflow event in response to a predetermined event occurring; and

a user interface module coupled to the volume manager module and configured to provide an interface between the user and the existing file system.

27. (New) The system of claim 26 wherein the workflow module is configured to use event-driven triggers.

28. (New) The system of claim 26 wherein the volume manager module and the workflow module have a publish/subscribe relationship.
29. (New) The system of claim 26 wherein the volume manager is configured to interface with a plurality of volumes of the file system.
30. (New) The system of claim 29 wherein the coherency module is configured to facilitate coherency between selected files stored in a first one and a second one of the plurality of volumes.
31. (New) The system of claim 26 wherein the workflow event is at least one of approval, computing a hash code, a user programmed action, a predetermined system action, and notifying a selected user when a file is ready for action by the selected user.
32. (New) The system of claim 26 wherein the volume manager is configured such that the electronic files never leave control of the system.